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SUBJ: PROPRIETARY RIGHTS - JORDAN MAP C-130B'S

REF: A. MASM, CHAP K, PARA 1D  
- B. FORN ASST ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED,  
- PARA (A)(4)

1. THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE (RJAF) CURRENTLY  
POSSESSES THREE C-130 ACFT. TWO OF THESE ACFT ARE  
C-130B'S DELIVERED TO RJAF IN FEB 73 AND SEP 74 VIA THE  
FY72 AND 73 GRANT AID PROGRAMS. (SERIAL NUMBERS OF  
THESE ACFT ARE 60-304 AND 60-301, RESPECTIVELY).  
THE THIRD ACFT IS A NEW C-130H DELIVERED ONLY THIS  
MONTH AND LARGELY FINANCED WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM  
A RECENT RJAF SALE TO SINGAPORE OF TWO FMS C-130B'S  
OF THE SAME VINTAGE AS THE TWO MAP ACFT ABOVE.

2. AS THE ACFT SERIAL NUMBERS INDICATE, THE TWO  
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REMAINING MAP C-130B'S ARE OF EARLY 1960'S PRODUCTION  
AND ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING 20 YEARS OF AGE. THEY  
ARE STILL SERVICEABLE BUT ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY  
UNRELIABLE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN. TO  
MORE EFFICIENTLY AND COST EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE  
THE SCARCE PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES AT ITS  
DISPOSAL, RJAF WOULD LIKE TO DISPOSE OF THE TWO

C-130B'S AND ACQUIRE ANOTHER NEW C-130H TO REPLACE THEM. THE ONLY WAY THIS IS FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE AT PRESENT, HOWEVER, IS FOR RJAF TO GENERATE A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE COST OF A NEW C-130H FROM THE SALE OF THE TWO C-130B'S.

3. WHILE NORMAL MAP MATERIAL DISPOSAL PROCEDURES WOULD ORDINARILY PRECLUDE THIS ALTERNATIVE, THE REF PARAS IN THE FOREIGN ASST ACT OF 1961 AND THE MASM APPEAR TO PROV FOR EXCEPTIONS TO ESTABLISHED MAP DISPOSAL PROCEDURES ON CASE-BY-CASE CONSIDERATIONS. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH A WAIVER IS JUSTIFIED IN THIS CASE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- A. THE TWO C-130B'S WERE ORIGINALLY PROVIDED TO JORDAN BASED ON THE DESIRE OF THE USG TO UPGRADE THE RJAF TACTICAL AIRLIFT SUPPORT CAPABILITY THEN BEING PROVIDED BY FOUR C-119'S. THE SALE OF THE TWO MAP C-130B'S AND PURCHASE OF THE C-130H NOW PROPOSED IS NOT MEANT TO PROVIDE A "PROFIT" AS SUCH TO JORDAN BUT MERELY PERMIT THE CONTINUED ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE CURRENT APPROVED MISSION. RJAF WOULD, IN FACT, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE NEW ACFT FROM ITS OWN FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

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- B. JORDAN HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM SINGAPORE ABOUT THE TWO C-130B'S. IF THE SALE WERE PERMITTED, JORDAN WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO MODERNIZE AND STANDARDIZE ITS AIRLIFT CAPABILITY AT LEAST EXPENSE, SINGAPORE WOULD INCREASE ITS AIRLIFT CAPABILITY, AND THE USG WOULD ASSIST TWO OF ITS ALLIES WITH NO INCREASED EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. IN FACT, A SMALL PAYMENT WOULD NECESSARILY BE REQUIRED OF JORDAN TO PURCHASE THE PROPRIETARY OR RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO THE C-130B'S, AND A U.S. AIRCRAFT COMPANY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE SALE OF THE NEW C-130H.

- C. THE NECESSITY TO MODERNIZE THE RJAF AIRLIFT CAPABILITY WITH NEW EQUIPMENT IS A REAL REQUIREMENT WITH TIMING THE ONLY QUESTION. IF RJAF IS NOT PERMITTED TO WORK ITS OWN PROBLEM WITHIN ITS OWN RESOURCES NOW, THE U.S., IF IT DESIRES TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF JORDAN, WILL ULTIMATELY FIND THE REQUIREMENT MUCH MORE COSTLY TO SATISFY.

4. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT THE SALE OF PROPRIETARY/ RESIDUAL RIGHTS TO THE TWO C-130B ACFT ABOVE BE

APPROVED FOR THE COUNTRY OF JORDAN ON CONDITION  
THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE BE USED TO PURCHASE  
ANOTHER C-130H. SUDDARTH.

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